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SUBJECT: AIDE MEMOIRE ON THREATS TO POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND
CONSULAR STAFF IN US

REF: STATE 55156; WARSAW 1344, 1345

1. FOLLOWING IS AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH AMBASSADOR (OR CHARGE)
SHOULD DELIVER TO VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI AT EARLIEST
AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY. IN DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER
WITH SPASOWSKI, YOU MAY DRAW ON INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN STATE 55156 AND 53434 AS WELL AS THAT PROVIDED BELOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE EMBASSY REFERS TO THE MINISTRY'S
AIDE MEMOIRE OF MARCH 3 CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF
POLISH OFFICIAL PERSONNEL WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING
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BETWEEN THE POLISH AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS, THE

EMBASSY WISHES TO ASSURE THE MINISTRY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MATTERS RAISED IN THE MINISTRY'S AIDE MEMOIRE AND IS FULLY MINDFUL OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS HAVE AN

OBLIGATION TO ASSURE SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS AND ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR ACCREDITED FOREIGN OFFICIALS, AN UNDERTAKING WHICH MUST BE FULFILLED WITHOUT QUALIFICATION. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL THEREFORE DO ALL THAT IT LEGALLY CAN TO MEET THOSE OBLIGATIONS.

4. THE EMBASSY ALSO WISHES TO APPRISE THE MINISTRY OF STEPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE MINISTRY'S AIDE MEMOIRE AND TO REPRESENTATIONS BY OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE U.S. OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVE MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH THE SECURITY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS TO ALERT THEM TO THE CURRENT PROBLEM AND TO SEEK THEIR FULL SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN ASSURING THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OFFICIAL PERSONNEL. THESE AGENCIES, AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVELS, ENTIRELY SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OVER THIS SITUATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ALSO CONVEYED TO THE MOST SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE NEW YORK CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE A REQUEST FOR THEIR FULLEST COOPERATION IN THESE ENDEAVORS. COORDINATION BETWEEN FEDERAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN FURTHER INTENSIFIED. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S LEGAL ADVISOR IS ALSO EXAMINING POSSIBLE LEGAL REMEDIES.

5. IN ADDITION WE ARE ALSO ADVISING PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THESE SERIOUS MATTERS AND ALERTING THEM TO THE POSSIBLE HARMFUL EFFECTS THAT COULD RESULT FROM THE PROPAGATION OF REPORTS CONCERNING ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF SPECIFIC FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

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6. WITH RESPECT TO THE GROUP KNOWN AS FREE POLAND, THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) IS CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION. THIS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE MINISTER COUNSELOR OF THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS NOW REVIEWING THE LETTERS SENT BY INDIVIDUALS IN THAT ORGANIZATION TO POLISH

OFFICIALS IN THE UNITED STATES TO DETERMINE WHETHER
THE CORRESPONDENCE MIGHT IN SOME WAY VIOLATE THE
PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS ACT.

7. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO REITERATE OUR CONCERN ABOUT
THE SAFETY OF POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR
REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR DETERMINATION TO ASSURE
PROPER WORKING CONDITIONS AND THE SECURITY OF POLISH
OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY. THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAS OUR FIRM OFFICIAL
ASSURANCES THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL DO
ALL IT CAN WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF DOMESTIC LAW TO MEET
ITS OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD. END TEXT.

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